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e-Courts Mission Mode Project
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of e-Courts Mission Mode Project and computerisation of courts in the country, Court/State/ UT-wise;
(b) the funds allocated/utilized for the purpose;
(c) the number of courts computerised/ operationalised under e-Courts Mission Mode Project, State/UT-wise;
(d) the extent to which the said project is likely to help in reducing the pendency of court cases; and
(e) the time-frame set for completion of the said project?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a): The eCourts Mission Mode Project has resulted in computerisation of 13,672 district and subordinate courts in the country. The national e-Courts portal (http://www.ecourts.gov.in) has been made operational. It provides online services such as case registration, cause lists, case status, daily orders and final judgements. Currently litigants can access case status information in respect of over 6.6 crore pending and decided cases and more than 2.9 crore orders/judgements pertaining to district and subordinate courts.

(b): During Phase I of the eCourts project, National Informatics Centre (NIC) was the implementing agency to whom funds were provided for procurement of new hardware, technical manpower etc. for district and subordinate courts of the country. Funds released to NIC under Phase I is Rs.639.41 cr as against the total allocation of Rs.935 cr.
Under phase II of the project which began in August, 2015, with the total cost of Rs.1670 cr, procurement of hardware has been decentralised to the High Courts. Funds released under this Phase till date is Rs.240.90 cr

(c): As per the available information, a total of 13672 courts in the country have started online services. The details are as follows:

S. No. High Court Name No. of computerised courts
1. Allahabad 1991
2. Andhra Pradesh 806
3. Bombay 1896
4. Calcutta 762
5. Chattisgarh 242
6. Delhi 410
7. Gauhati 294
8. Gujarat 710
9. Himachal Pradesh 98
10. Jabalpur 1119
11. Jammu And Kashmir 102
12. Jharkhand 430
13. Jodhpur 778
14. Karnataka 754
15. Kerala 397
16. Madras 668
17. Orissa 423
18. Patna 796
19. Punjab And Haryana 743
20. Sikkim 10
21. Uttarakhand 152
22. Tripura 57
23. Manipur 27
24. Meghalaya 7
Total 13672

(d): The Government has been using technology extensively in making the justice delivery system across the country more transparent, accessible and affordable. Availability of case data online imparts transparency to the functioning of courts and facilitates easy

access of such data to lawyers and litigants. Thus, ICT enablement of courts increases efficiency of justice delivery system through organised and easy access to case information and therefore, the project will help in reducing pendency of court cases.
(e): The Phase II of the project began in August, 2015. The duration of the Phase-II of the eCourts project would be four years, or until the project is completed, whichever is later.